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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/180,579 filed on November 12, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT/GB97/01176 filed on May 1, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

Christopher Stephen BARGE and Lawrence Ernest GARDINER

for

FRAME AND LOADING APPARATUS FOR GROUPS OF BATTERY PLATES

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$740.00	\$370.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	4-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
	TOTAL		\$740.00	\$0.00

3. A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This application is a continuation division of co-pending Application No. 09/180,579, filed on November 12, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

b. --This application is a continuation division of co-pending Application 09/180,579 filed on November 12, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT/GB97/01176 filed on May 1, 1997. Application No. 09/180,579 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/GB97/01176 filed on May 1, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

6. Enclosed is/are five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

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7. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/180,579 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

8. The prior application is assigned to TBS Engineering Limited of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom.

9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a. Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.

10b. Priority of International Appln. PCT/GB97/01176 filed on May 1, 1997 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and United Kingdom Application No. 96104419 filed in the United Kingdom on May 17, 1996 under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

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13. An extension of time for _____ month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/180,579 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:
Application Data Sheet

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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